

Philippines Profit From U.S. Know-How

By ALICE E. MORGAN

The work of a Birmingham woman, Mrs. Irene Murphy, 444 Bonnie Briar, and her five young associates from Cranbrook, is the feature in a current issue of a national magazine based on the modern home, its design, functions and comfortable living.

Mrs. Murphy's program was launched in the Philippines, backed by the native government, the United States and the United Nations. Her "crew" was made up of John S. Risley, sculptor and furniture designer; his wife, Mary King, ceramist; Marianne Strenge, textile designer; her husband, Olav Hammarstrom, furniture designer, and Lysbeth Wallace, textile designer.

Mrs. Murphy, sent to the Philippines after the war, said she was appalled to see the poverty and war devastation. She stated it was obvious the country was too poor to support any conventional program of welfare and that any help must come from the people.

THE ECONOMIC standards of the country were low so that primarily great amounts of money were not necessary. She pointed out that a farmer, and most of the population is rural, might work 120 days in the harvest season, and have an annual income of \$175.

A program that would increase his earnings by occupying idle days, and give him an additional \$25 a year would mean much. It would allow children to go to school, put homes into better shape, provide medical care, and many other things.

"Native crafts were interesting," Mrs. Murphy reported, "the quality of their work, the standardization of design and other factors made them hard to place in today's market. Our job was to fit their talents and available material for modern demands and markets."

"With this in mind, we set to work. We surveyed the potentials we had to work with and studied what we could do to improve them."

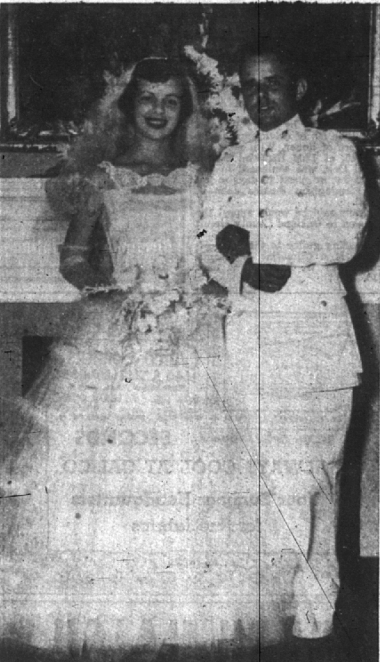
IN WORKSHOPS designs based on native originals were worked out. Methods of improving the workmanship and speeding production were devised and the value of available material stressed.

"We met opposition, however," Mrs. Murphy commented, "for a rumor was started that the Americans had stolen their ideas and secrets. With that overcome, the team went to work. Through the efforts of Risley, natives learned how to carve their beautifully grained woods into salad bowls, salt cellars, spoons, trays and other household items. With improved quality this output found a ready sale in exclusive New York shops."

Another Risley idea, a rattan chair fashioned after a Philippine cradle, became a best seller in the States. HAMMARSTROM showed the people new uses for rattan, blending ancient nature crafts with the modern to the improvement and beautification of both.

Marianne Strenge designed the "Strenge fly shuttle loom," present were Mrs. S. L. Koonce, Sammy Koonce, Mrs. Albert Hiss, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Pohl, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Corregan, Jane Corregan and Mrs. Antone Ferreria, the groom's grandmother.

AT THE COMPLETION of his flight training, they plan a 30-day trip home to visit his parents before going to his new station in California. Among the Birmingham guests



LT. AND MRS. BRADLEY WRIGHT CORREGAN

Bradley Corregan Wed In Alabama Ceremony

The First Methodist church at Brewton, Ala., was the scene June 19 of the wedding ceremony uniting Sarah Margaret May of Brewton and Lt. Bradley Wright Corregan of Birmingham.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Maxwell May of Brewton and the groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Corregan of West Fourteen-Mile road, Bloomfield township.

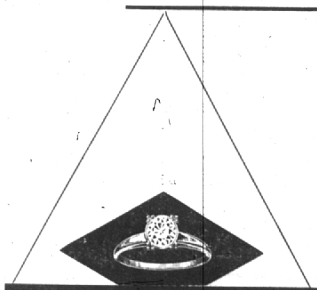
For her marriage, the bride chose a gown of silk illusion over duchesse satin, fashioned with a fitted bodice pointed at the waist and hand-clipped lace designs embroidered in iridescent sequins on the scalloped sweetheart neckline. Sheer puffed sleeves were of illusion and matching gossamer and fastened with covered buttons.

THE BOUFFANT skirt featured shirred ruffles of illusion swept into a chaper train. Her fingertip veil was attached to a coronet of pearls and iridescent sequins and she carried a bridal bouquet of branch white roses and stephanotis tied with white satin ribbon.

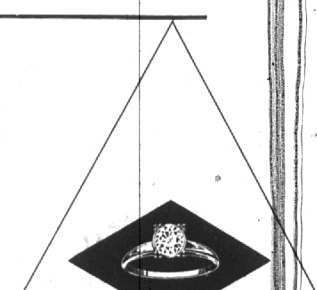
Jane Corregan, sister of the bridegroom, was Sarah's only attendant. Her ballerina length frock was of yellow crystalite over taffeta with tight bodice and full skirt. Accenting the waist was a cummerbund of yellow taffeta tied in loops down the back and she

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"The Sterling Store of Birmingham"

in the black mud of the rice paddies.

A little doubtful of the results, the Americans tried it. It worked. While Mrs. Murphy helped line up buyers for Philippine products, the team worked with them toward their goal of staid, quality merchandise, "different" enough to appeal to American buyers.

That the program was successful was shown clearly in one village which developed a textile business that will amount to about \$75,000 a year.

Today, natives supervise the work. Some groups have formed clubs, working as a unit. This is especially true of those who deal with textiles and the various forms of matting.

MRS. MURPHY has returned to her home now, satisfied that she and her Cranbrook team have successfully launched the Philippines on a sound program of self help.

This particular people has a special interest to Mrs. Murphy, for she knew them prior to the war. She was a resident of the country while her brother-in-law, the late United States Supreme Court Justice Frank Murphy was governor of the islands. She had seen them as a happy people, not wealthy but self-sufficient and industrious.

The aftermath of the war was a shocking picture and a direct challenge to her to do all in her power to restore the islands to their former standards.

"I think," she said, "they may be well on their way to a life better than any they have ever known. They deserve it. I hope they get it."

YW Opens Classes

Swimming, diving, archery, sewing and games are only a few of the many classes at Northern Branch YWCA which will begin a mid-summer term July 6. Adult, teenage and junior classes will be included, also a family night on Fridays with activities for the whole family.

At Music Workshop

Josephine Connor, 482 Westwood drive, elementary and junior high music instructor, is among 85 professional musicians attending the six-day Fred Waring Music Workshop this week at Delaware Water Gap, Pa.

Three at Convention

Among those attending the Canine Phi Beta convention at Mackinac Island last week were Joanne Pedersen, Lisa Moore of Berwyn road, both students at Northwestern university, and Virginia Robertson of Lake Park drive, a student at the University of Michigan.

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